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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 19 September 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to deaf mental health. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

1	Do you fund talking therapies for deaf patients? Please answer, yes or no.	No																				
2	How many individual funding requests (IFR) have you received regarding mental health treatment for British Sign Language users <u>and</u> separately, patients who are registered deaf?	<p>Up until the end of 2018, Dorset CCG was routinely commissioning initial assessment plus 10 sessions of counselling for the deaf with a British Sign Language therapist. Therefore, clinicians were able to make a direct referral in to this service and so it was not necessary to come via IPT (therefore, we do not hold figures on the number of users). A request for additional counselling sessions above and beyond the initial 10 would however require sanctioning via IPT. However, the number of requests that have come through IPT are not representative of the whole demand on the service.</p> <p>Please see sheet 2.</p>																				
2b	For each of those groups, how many of the IFR requests were accepted and denied?	Please see sheet 2.																				
2c	For each request that was denied, what were the reason(s) why given at the independent panel?	Please see sheet 2.																				
3	Which clinical provision(s) were requested on each IFR application form in connection to Q.2?	The requests would either be for initial assessment plus 10 sessions or for continuation therapy of 10 sessions.																				
4	For each IFR application in connection to Q2, please list the patients' ages at the time of submission; gender; and ethnicity.	In all cases requests are for adults. Gender is not relevant to decision making. We do not hold data on ethnicity.																				
5	Please could you list the name(s) of any organisation(s) patients were referred to for treatment?	Sign Health Deaf4Deaf																				
6	How many IFR applications, for all patients, were accepted and denied each year by your CCG?	<p>Total number of requests seen in IPT in total, not just BSL and this is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2015/16</th> <th>2016/17</th> <th>2017/18</th> <th>2018/19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total IFRs Received</td> <td>949</td> <td>812</td> <td>840</td> <td>922</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Approved</td> <td>692</td> <td>587</td> <td>643</td> <td>692</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Declined</td> <td>257</td> <td>225</td> <td>197</td> <td>230</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total IFRs Received	949	812	840	922	Approved	692	587	643	692	Declined	257	225	197	230
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7	Which mental health services commissioned by your CCG are fully accessible to BSL users? Please give details.	All mental health services commissioned by NHS Dorset CCG are fully accessible to BSL users, the CCG bring in people to sign as appropriate to support.																				
8	Please provide a list of the 2018/19 IAPT providers managed under your CCG.	Dorset HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust																				